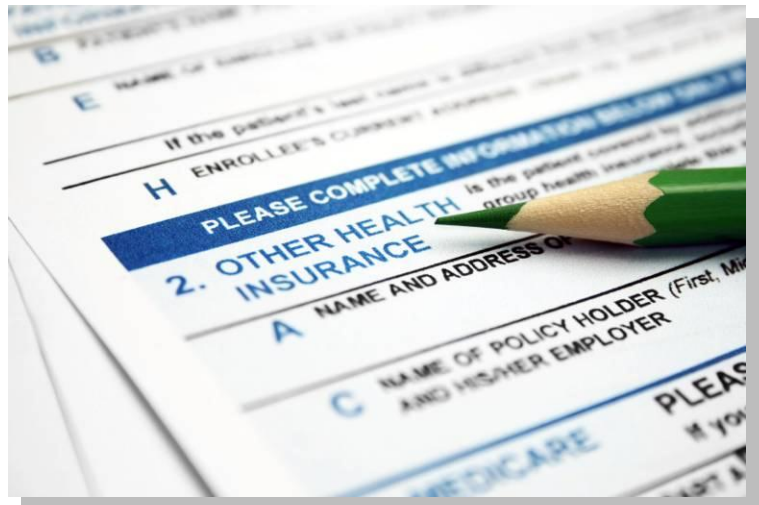


3. BILLING

The main premise of the VFC Program is to supply vaccine at no cost to eligible children.

There are two costs associated with vaccine—the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

The billing requirements of the VFC Program are statutorily defined as follows:



Vaccine

- Providers may not charge patients, Medicaid, or private insurance for VFC vaccine.

Administration Fee

- The maximum regional charge set for the Montana VFC vaccine administration fee is \$21.32 per vaccine (not per antigen in combination vaccines).
- Patients must never be charged more than the VFC administration fee cap.
- Private insurance may be billed VFC vaccine administration fees at the private rate.
- VFC vaccinations cannot be denied to an established VFC-eligible patient due to the inability of the parent or guardian to pay the administration fee.

Please refer to the tables in Section 4 – VFC Eligibility – Special Eligibility Circumstance for billing information under various VFC eligibility scenarios.

See “Borrowing” in Section 16, page 62, for options for adjusting inventory to correct for improperly billed vaccine.